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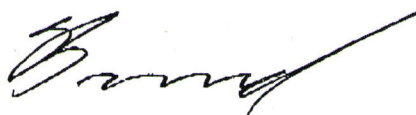
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Dear Mr. KUNSLER:

I am writing you regarding our telephone conversation this morning. The purpose of this letter is to clarify some points in our mine plan for the Hebe gypsum claims. Specifically it will address: sub-grade gypsum, stockpile description and protection, and soil analysis.

As you pointed out the spreading of sub-grade gypsum would cause a significant problem for re-vegetation. To remedy this situation any remaining sub-grade gypsum will be used to fill holes in the reclaimed areas and to slope high-walls to acceptable levels. If excessive amounts of sub-grade gypsum exists it will be removed from the mine site.

There will be three types of stockpiles on our mine-site; overburden, cryptogamic soil, and endangered species seed-bed. The overburden pile will mainly consist of blow sand, and sub grade gypsum. This overburden pile will be extremely large at times. Material from the overburden pile will be used for road base, filling crevices, and establishing acceptable slopes upon reclamation. The cryptogamic soil and the endangered species seed bed piles will be protected by signs stating that the material is to be used for reclamation purposes only. As all piles in this area will contain a significant amount of gypsum a hard crust will form when the pile is wetted and this crust should be adequate to protect the pile from wind erosion. The piles will be located on a slightly elevated area to prevent loss from minor flooding. In the event that wind erosion occurs even though this crust is in place the piles will be netted to prevent loss. In addition to the above protection methods the cryptogamic pile and the seed bed pile will be kept below 4 feet in height. These two piles will be kept to a minimum as reclamation will occur as soon as land becomes available.

In regard to the soil analysis anomalies you detected it is our belief that a visit to the site will be the best way to address soil conditions. We will be available as soon as you and your colleagues have the time to visit with us at the sight.

Sincerely;



Brad Boyter